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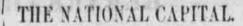
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THE NEW YEAR'S RECEPTION AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

Washington Belles Planning to Meet Mrs. Cleveland at all Hazards-Popularity of the President's Wife-What Mr. Bandall Said Concerning the Tariff.

WARRINGTON, Dec. 29 .- Arrangements are rapidly progressing at the White House for for the New Year's reception, at which, of course, Mrs. Cleveland will be the central figure. While Col. Wilson will be likely to superintend the details of the reception, in point of fact the fair mistress of the mansion wall supervise everything and decide all the delicate points of precedence and any other knotty problems that may arise. Though the fashion of making New Year's calls generally is on the wane in Washington, each succeeding year sees a greater crush at the White House receptions,

The great popularity of Mrs. Cleveland-with all classes was never better illustrated than at the levee held last New Year's day, when the doors of the White House had to be closed, leaving a crowd on the concrete outside who were forced to go away disap-pointed. Mrs. Cleveland regretted the nessity for this action, but the engagements of herself and the ladies who received with her made it compulsory. Bearing this fact in mind, the young ladies of Washington, all of whom entertain the warmest admiration for Mrs. Cleveland, have descended like a provision. cloud of locusts upon the senators and representatives of their acquaintance, with a demand that they shall escort them to the re-ception during the time reserved for the members of both houses.

Unable to resist the appeals which have been urged, a hundred promises have been made, the fulfilment of which will be demanded to the full letter.

Respectfully invites attention to his complete the fifteen minutes allotted to congress, said the of Holiday Goods, comprising a large to-day; "I am sare I do not be congress, said the of to keep my word, but I could not resist the appeals made to me. I think Mrs. Cleveland has bewitched all the girls in Washington."

Senator Hiscock's Sugar Tariff Views.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29,-Senator Frank Hiscock, of New York, is taking quite an interest in the tariff question. In discussing the outlook a night or two since with a few well known Republicans, among them two or three representatives, Mr. Hiscock said in in effect.

sugar men, the sugar producers of the south, and give them a bounty. Take the customs tax off sugar and give a chance for competition and at the same time protect our home industries; then our hand will be clean and The companies represented by the undersigned insure at reasonable rates all insurable property against loss or damage by Fire, fightning or Wind. Any amount of insurance placed on desirable risks, in—

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industries; then our hand will be clean and we have no complications. We can join issues between the senate and the house at once, taking up the gauntlet the president threw down in his message, and then we will win. The message was a bold, straightforward state paper, and serves the purpose of drawing the party lines in the most definite manner. It satisfies both parties except the protection wing of the Democracy. I am in favor of making war on these lines from this time forward, and believe the Republicans will come out victorious."

The question as to what will be done with once, taking up the gauntlet the president by the high prices which will probably go threw down in his message, and then we will still higher, owing to the competition from win. The message was a bold, straightfor- Pittsburg being shut off.

The question as to what will be done with the sugar tax is likely to cause no little friction in the ranks of the Republicans. Many of them favor the abolition of the tariff on this article of general consumption, and the substitution of a bounty to the cane growers of the south, as Sonator Hiscock suggests. This seems to be the only available way to remove this tax and at the same time preserve the consistent policy of protection to American industries, which will be the strong plank in

the party platform in the coming campaign.

There are, however, many Republicans who have grave doubts as to the constitutionality of any law under which a certain class of producers shall be paid bounties from the public treasury in order to foster the industries in which they are engaged. Those who held the convictions will strengously oppose any bounty feature of the tariff bill, and the controversy developed will no doubt prove decidedly interesting.

Randall and the President Talk Tariff. WASRINGTON, Dec. 29. - Last week, at the request of the president, it is said, Mr. Randall called at the White House. The subject of the conversation was the tariff, and the influence the proposed abolition of the intarnal revenue system would have on it. After the interview Mr. Randall said to a distinguished southern representative:

"A tariff bill will be introduced in the house that will not affect the industrial interests or disturb the business of the country. It will pass the house, and if it fails to be come a law the responsibility will be with the Republican senate. It will provide for the repeal of the tobacco and the fruit-brandy tax. A bill, too, very much like the Henderson bill of the Forty-ninth congress, will pass the house. There is a misapprehension as to the president's position on the internal revenue question, and he may deem it necessary to send a supplemental message to congress on the subject. He does not oppose the repeal of the tobacco and brandy tax, and, furthermore, he believes that the internal revenue laws are oppressive as enforced under existing legislation."

Mr. Randall is now in Philadelphia, and will be in New York next Friday at the Manhattan club reception to the Democratic state officials.

. Congressman Nelson.

Washington, Dec., 29. - Congressman Nelson, of Minnesota, in conversation with a reporter, said that he should decline a renomination to congress next year. Mr. Nelson's action on this subject is a purely volumtarily one, as he represents a Scandinavian district, where he is immensely, popular, and om which he could be returned as often as he desired. "My reasons," Mr. Nelson explained, "are wholly political. Although a Republican, I am a strong advocate of revenue reform. If my party should gain control of the house in 1889, as I believe they will, my tariff principles would operate to my disadvantage, Although I then should be serving my fourth term in congress f could not hope to secure either a chairmanship, or even a good place, on an important committee. In short, I should be regarded as a sort of political blacksheep, notwith-

standing I should faithfully represent my STRANGER THAN FICTION whatever usefulness I possess would be immediately neutralized, and for this reason I have decided to close my political career with my present term."

The President at Home.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29,-President Cleveland arrived in Washington early this morning. All the members of his cabinet, excepting Secretary Endicott, with him. The secretary of war and Col. Lamont remained over in New York city.

A Northwestern Blizzard. WASHINGTON, Dec. 29 .- Another snorting blizzard is careering over the western states and knocking down the temperature from the far northwest to St. Paul, Kansas City and eastward. The storm is severe in central and southern Kansas, with the thermometer at sero. Railroad travel is almost at a standstill. In Iowa the blizzard shook itself so vigorously last night as to stop the trains. Reports from Wisconsin are that snow has fallen heavily. So far no loss of life has been reported anywhere.

THE COAL OUTLOOK.

A Louisville View of the Present State of Amairs.

LOUISBILLE, Ky., Dec. 29.—The question of a fuel supply in the Ohio valley is regarded by some as becoming a very serious one. The long continued drought and the probability of its continuance, with the small stocks of coal from Pittsburg, the main source of supply, is causing much anxiety among those who failed earlier in the winter to make

There is no probability, however, of a coal famine, such as has been experienced in the past, owing to the supply from the Kentucky mines. Louisville consumes daily, upon an average, 70,000 bushels. Ordinarily by far the larger portion of this is from Pittsburg, but at present all of the dealers of the city together do not hold in stock more than 25,-000 bushels of Pittsburg coal, and it requires a ten foot rise in the river at Pittsburg to let the awaiting fleet of 10,000,000 bushels out.

More than half of this will come to Louisville, but the probability of a rise in the Ohio is small, good authorities expressing the belief that a freeze-up will soon occur which will delay relief from Pittsburg until some time in February. In the meantime the price of coal has advanced nearly 100 per cent, and the poor are suffering correspondingly. During the past week the railroads have brought to the city daily an average of 40,000 bushels, and the managers say that this can be increased sufficiently to supply the demand.

Notwithstanding the statements of the "All we have to do this session is to fix the railroad authorities, every coal dealer in the city is from four to seven days behind his orders. Samming up the situation, it will be seen that the circumstances demonstrate Louisville's good fortune in having within 125 miles an inexhastible supply of coal accessible to the railroads, and that the worst feature is the hardship to the poorer classes

Senator Quay's Views.

hours yesterday morning on his way to his friends. home at Beaver, Pa. In answer to questions the senator said that no doubt something will be done on the tariff this winter, Personally he would prefer to see the tariff increased on all imports and the internal revenue tax taken off tobacco. He favored the government regulating the tolls of telegraph; thought Blaine would be the next Republican nominee for president, and regarding Mr. Lamar, said he would certainly vote against his confirmation.

Walking Match Score.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 29 .- In the six days' heel-and-toe walking match, which began here at 9 o'clock Monday night, W. A. Hongland broke the hundred miles six days' record, making the distance in sixteen hours, fifty-six minutes, and coming within ten minutes of O'Leary's record in a hundred mile dash. The midnight score was as follows: Hoagland, 125 miles, five laps; Hart, 114 miles, eight laps; Messier, 112 miles, eight laps; Addy, 106 miles, two laps; Timmerman, 104 miles; Hoffman, 95 miles; Townsend, 90 miles; Ross, 91 miles, three laps; Miller, 96 miles, five laps.

Kansas Prohibitionists.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 29.-The state convention of the Prohibition party, held in this city yesterday, was attended by Prohibitionists from all parts of the state. It was decided to begin a vigorous campaign during the coming year, and to put a full state ticket in the field. The principal addresses were made by ex-Governor St. John and Mrs. Hoffman, prosident of the Missouri W. C.

Following Henry George.

Boston, Dec. 29.-Rev. O. T. Gifford, the most prominent Baptist clergyman in New England, has come out as an advocate of the anti-poverty doctrine of Henry George. He will address the Anti-Poverty society at Horticultural hall next Sunday. The announcement causes quite a stir in religious

Death of Judge Bapallo.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.-Judge Rapallo, of the court of appeals, died at 2 o'clock this afternoon at his residence, 17 West Thirtyfirst street. He had been ill for some time, and it was foured he would not recover, but to-day he seemed better than for some days previous, and death came unexpectedly.

Instanly Killed.

CHAMBERSBURG, Pa., Dec. 29.-While on his way to a blacksmith shop yesterday Mr. David Smetzer, an aged and well-known citizen of Quincy, this county, was thrown from his horse by the animal stumbling, and instantly killed, his neck being broken by the

Reading Men Go Out Again.

PORT RICHMOND, Pa., Dec. 29 .- All the Reading railway employes have gone out. It is expected that passenger as well as freight men will go. This includes engineers, firemen, brukemen, conductors, switchmen, machinists and others.

A Church Burned. INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 22.—The Congrega-tional church at Kokomo burned last night

LAST TESTAMENT OF WEALTHY CANADIAN.

To the Only Woman He Ever Loved, but Who Would Not Marry Him, He Leaves a Fortune, Subject to the Most Romantic Canditions-The Property Bequeathed.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 29 .- One of the most eccentric and peculiar wills on record has come to light recently in Northern Michlgan, and in spite of the most strenuous efforts at secrecy on the part of those intimately concerned, its contents have just come to light. Its provisions are so unique, and the circumstances connected with it so romantic, that it reads more like fiction than the reality which it is. These are the facts:

Mora than twenty years ago there lived in s certain city in southern Indiana a young girl more than ordinarily beautiful and gifted, in whose father's employ as bookkeeper was a handsome young Canadian-Frenchman, who, though occupying this humble position, was of excellent character and high culture, and was also an inmate of the household. Thus thrown together these two young people in time loved, and with the full consent of her parents were betrothed. Because of the maiden's youthfulness the marriage was deferred for a twain of years; but when a year of this time had passed away she waked up to the discovery that what she had mistaken for love was but admiration and affection and asked to be released from her bond.

After a stormy interview on the part of the lover, he released her, and a few years afterward she married happily and is still living in a certain town in her native state. The young Frenchman returned to Canada, and from thence went to northern Michigan and engaged in the lumber business in which he became very wealth. He remained unmarried, true to his first love until his death, which occurred but a few weeks ago. When his will was brought to light it was found that after a number of snug bequests to vari-ous persons the bulk of his wealth was bequeathed to her to whom, in his young manhood, he had been betrothed; but following are the queer and eccentric conditions on which she becomes possessor of this vast wealth: "That she, my devisee, the only woman ever loved by me, shall remain in her present position with patience and with no change in her life or manner of living for the space of seven years-the time of Jacob's service for Rachael-she shall then remove to my native province and abide one year.

"If at the end of these eight years she still lives, and shall have complied with the above provisions of this, my last will and testament, she shall then receive the hereinafter named bequests, to have and to hold and to minister unto herself therewith according to her will and pleasure."

The property thus bequeathed by this very strange document consists of moneys, bonds and real estate in Canada and Michigan, and is large enough to satisfy a much more craving mind than that possessed by the fortunate subject of this bequest. As she is Pritisher, Dec. 29. United States Sensthis large wealth will be the means of spread-

There will be outings of many kinds for these favored ones to places of interest in Europe and America; they will be charmingly entertained in the home, which will be perfect as taste and ample time for planning can make it, aided by the wealth that will be hers at the time specified in this most peculiar will. Her husband will be a royal helper in all these plans, as he is in the architecture of the home, the model of which together they are evolving. This fortune means also very generous support and gifts to the church of which they are both enthusiastic members.

One of the queerest provisions of the will is that: "She shall within a year after my death select a lawyer who shall at once enter upon his duty as guardian of this bequest, and who shall be content to wait with her till seven years have passed, at the end of which time he shall receive the sum of \$2,000 per year for his services, with an added \$2,000 for interest and as a reward for his patience.

It is scarcely necessary to mention the fact that she will readily secure the lawyer, and it is believed by the one or two most intimate and confidential friends who know of this stavinge bequest, that her selection is already made, and that the fortunate "limb of the law" will soon enter upon his duties, which will not be so arduous as to interfere in any way with his other law business. It is also said that the location of her home after she comes into possession of this great wealth is not yet decided upon, except that it will be in some town or city in her native "Hoosier" state.

Workman Barry in Trouble.

EAST SAGINAW, Mich., Dec. 29.-After the great mill strike in the Saginaw valley, a year or two ago, Thomas B. Barry, now a member of the general executive committee of the Knights of Labor, was a prominent figure among the striking mill hands. He was sued by William L. Webber for damages to the Hoyt estate, of which Webber is executor, by shutting down the mill, injur-ing the machinery, etc. Judgment for \$290,18 was obtained in the circuit court against Barry, and affirmed by the supreme court. Barry has not paid the judgment and now it comes to the surface in the shape of a letter from Mr. Webber's attorney, saying that Barry must pay up or a body execution will be issued for him and he will be imprisoned. Barry's friends say he will not pay it. In addition to the judgment there is a bill of costs amounting to \$107.20.

King Kalakua's Veto.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—Advices re-ceived by steamer Marisposa, which arrived from Sidney and Auckland via Honolulu today, report that King Kalakua has vetoed two bills passed by the Hawaiian legislature, one of which was to abolish the office of governors. The legislature denies the right of the king to use the veto power, and claims that one of the specific pledges given by Kalakua at the time of the revolution provided that he should not interfere with legislation. The reform legislature had a lengthy meeting and resolved to ask the king to reconsider the vetoes. Advices from Thursday Island report the capture of a schooner-rigged craft by the natives at Margaret bay and the murof her crow.

TRAVELING MEN'S ASSOCIATION.

They Elect Officers and Vote on President's Salary.

CHICAGO, Dec. 29 .- The thirteenth annual convention of the Northwestern Traveling Men's Association was held last evening. The address of the president showed the association to be in the most prosperous condition in tion to be in the most prosperous condition in its history. The election of officers resulted: President, J. C. Miller, Chicago; vice presi-dents, William H. Cribben, Chicago; Webb Hultz, Chariton, Iows; F. E. Boswell, St. Paul; W. T. Mayhew, Janesville, Wis.; J. B. Heywood, St. Faul; A. W. Culver, Detroit, Mich.; Henry Minskopf, Cincinnati; M. C. Wetmore, St. Louis; C. L. Knapp, Leaven-worth, Kat.; H. H. Dean, Lincoln, Nob.; worth, Ka.: H. H. Dean, Lincoln, Neb.; William Gamble, Pueblo, Col.; secretary and treasurer, Charles A. Hinman, Chicago.

There was a long discussion over the payment of salary to the president. It was finally decided to allow the association to vote at the end of the year whatever amount is decided upon, to the president; not to create a fixed salary.

Glad He Escaped Alive.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29 .- J. C. Waller, his wife and two children who went from Burlington. Vt. to the Congo country to take part in Bishop Tyler's "self-supporting missionary" scheme, have returned and are in this city. Mr. Waller describes the enterprise as a complete failure and thinks he was lucky to escape alive. He says there is no chance for missionary work, as the struggle for existence occupies all the time of the unfortunate members of the colony. The cli-mate breeds sickness, the soil is not productive and white men cannot endure the necessary labor. The mission is not well managed. Supplies are inadequate. The steamer which cost Americans so much money is lying a wreck on the banks of the river. Mr. Waller hopes that the missionary societies who sup-plied the funds for the expedition will investigate the truth of his statements.

Ohio's Inauguration Ceremonies.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 29 .- Elaborate preparations are being made for the inauguration of Governor J. B. Foraker here on Monday, January 9. The ceremonies will be the most imposing and impressive ever known here, including a reception and parade in which the entire Ohio National guard, including regiments of cavalry and artillery, and Re-publican clubs and civic organizations from all parts of the state and some from other states will take part. The railroads have made a passenger rate of one cent a mile from all points in Ohio for the occasion, and nearly every town in the state will be represented. Arrangements for comfort and convenience of visitors are being made by local com-

Seven Murders and a Suicide.

MACON, Ga., Dec. 19.—The murder of seven people and the suicide of the murderer furnished Worth county, in southwest Georgia, with a sensation to-day. Nathan Reid, a negro, lived unhappily with his wife. Reid murdered his wife and six children last night and then fired the house, which was entirely destroyed, nearly cremating the corpses within it. After the crime Reid cut several gashes in his throat with a knife, but apparently finding this too painful a method of ending his life, he leaped into his well and was drowned. His blood stained blade was tor Quay stopped over in this city for a few ing happiness far and wide among her chosen found on the curbing of the well. It is believed that his mind was temporarily balanced.

Resignations Accepted.

WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 29.-The resignations of Premier Norquay and Treasurer La Riviere, of Manitoba, have been accepted by the lieutenant governor. Dr. Harrison was called to form a new cabinet, which is as follows: President of the council, treasurer and minister of agriculture, Dr. Harrison; attorney general, C. E. Hamilton; minister of public works and commissioner of railways, Hon. D. Wilson; provincial secretary, Hon. Joseph Burke. The fifth member has not yet been announced but it is believed to be Kirkhoffer, of Brandon, who takes the portfolio of minister of agriculture, relieving the

Drunken Riotous Mob.

ASBLAND, Wis., Dec. 29,-At Highbridge, eighteen miles from this city, yesterday, a drunken mob made an attack upon the depot. Constable McPhail endeavored to induce one of the most turbulent to go home. The man resisted and the mob attacked the officer. Mr. McPhail backed off, at the same time drawing a revolver, but the crowd advanced and the constable fired, killing Peter Collins. The shooter was at once set upon, and was beaten in a frightful manner, being left for dead where he lay. A posse was dispatched from this place and arrested seven of the leading rioters.

An Old Claim.

Naw York, Dec. 29.-The Weber claim to land in New York city, which turned up yesterday at Dover, N. H., is not a new one. In 1879 it was brought forward by A. Weber, who asserted that he was a lineal descendant of King William, the Fourth, of Holland, who originally owned the land referred to. The American minister at The Hague found it necessary to officially announce the worthlessness of the claim as an agent of the claimants was swindling credulous Americans on the strength of it. The while affair is a

The Double Header Trouble.

Prittsburg, Pa., Dec. 29,-General Manager McCrea and other officials of the Pennsylvania company deny all knowledge of the trouble among their employes reported in dispatches from Cleveland, Mr. McCrea says no committee has arranged to meet him next Saturday. The railroaders also deny the report except the Cleveland & Pittsburg men. There is some dissatisfaction among the latter over the double header system, and a paper asking its discontinuance has been extengively signed.

MASSILON, O., Dec. 29.- Early this morning burglars entered the postoflice and stole the contents of three mail pouches received from Cleveland and Pittsburg at 4 o'clock a. m. They also took \$30 in stamps and

Death of a Prominent Editor.

STRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 20,-Marcus J. Van Marten, editor of the Lyon's Sentinel, died suddenly this morning at his home in Lyons. He was thirty-eight years old. The cause of death was a ruptured blood vessel in his